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HIGHER FHA LIMITS IN RICHMOND & HAMPTON ROADS

At the request of the Richmond and Williamsburg area associations of REALTORS, HUD has okayed an 8.2 percent increase in FHA mortgage insurance limits in the Richmond metropolitan area and a 9.6 percent increase in Hampton Roads. The Richmond increase, effective for mortgages endorsed on or after March 1st, covers sales in 19 cities and counties and increases the limit on one-family units to \$256,500; the two-family limit to \$288,900; the three-family limit to \$351,000 and the four-family limit to \$405,000. The Hampton Roads increase, effective March 20th, covers 15 jurisdictions and increases the one-family limit to \$313,500; the two-family limit to \$353,100; the three-family limit to \$429,000; and the four-family limit to \$495,000.

R.S.V.P. A.S.A.P!

Attending the Fair Housing Summit hosted by HUD Richmond and the Virginia Fair Housing Office April 19th at Richmond's Convention Center? R.S.V.P.at www.hud.gov/event registration/index 2.cfm?state=VA or call Toni Schmiegelow at 800/842-2610, ext. 3787.

SuperNOFA STARTS

March 8th Federal Register published HUD fiscal year 2006 SuperNOFA (Notice of Funding Availability) to competitively award some \$2.2 billion in 39 HUD programs. Like last year, applicants for all but the Continuum of Care competition are required to electronically file applications via www.grants.gov For "a to z" details on process, visit www.grants.gov or www.hud.gov/grants/index.cfm

WATTS UP?

Energy costs eating your agency alive? Want to know what other housing and community organizations are doing to conserve energy and cut costs? Then join HUD Richmond and DHCD for 2006 Energy Action Summit on May 10th and 11th at VHDA t in Richmond. Space is limited, so please register now at www.hud.gov/event_registration/index_2.cfm?state=VA.

BRIEF BRIEFS

HUD 2006 Income Limits now on-line at http://www.huduser.org/datasets/il.html . . . Jay DeBoer succeeds Louise Ware as Director of Department of Professional & Occupational Regulation. . . Using VHDA loan and CDBG grant funds, Free Lance-Star says, Central Virginia Housing Coalition begins rehabbing and re-selling 15 of 25 homes it's acquired in Fredericksburg. . . Get your copy of Commission on Local Government's 2006 Catalog of State & Federal Mandates by e-mailing Ted.McCormack@dhcd.virginia.gov or calling him at 804/786-6508. . Virginia Association of Housing and Community Development Officials meets May 14th to 16th in Virginia Beach. . . Peninsula Habitat for Humanity celebrates 29th anniversary. Accessible Housing corporation of South Hampton Roads sets April 25th for grand opening of The Sanderling, a 20-unit, Section 811 complex in Chesapeake. . Fauquier Times-Democrat says Warrenton Town Council unanimously okays construction of 14 Habitat for Housing units. . . Call Amy King at 804/739-3462 to volunteer /Rebuild Together Richmond's National Rebuilding Day on April 28th. ... Zonta Club confers 2006 Women's Achievement Awards on Suffolk Redevelopment & Housing's Clarissa McAdoo, Portsmouth Deputy City Manager Lydia Pettis Patton and Urban League's Edith White. . . Call 804/771-2300, ext. 136 to attend April 8th U.S. Small Business Administration "Grow Your Business" workshop at Regent University in Virginia Beach. . . Virginia Commission for National & Community Services accepting applications through April 20th to establish statewide AmeriCorps programs. .Times Dispatch says Mayor Wilder and Richmond Redevelopment & Housing pick Dove Street area for mixed-income housing pilot.

!!! CALLING ALL LENDERS!!!

Want to know how the "new" FHA is making homebuying easier and more affordable? Then join the Virginia Mortgage Lenders Association, HUD's Philadelphia Homeownership Center and HUD Richmond for an all-day FHA Lenders Update at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg on Tuesday, May 23rd. Space is limited. So, register on-line now at www.hud.gov/event registration/index 2.cfm?state=VA

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The March 20th Federal Register published a Notice of Funding Availability from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's for single-family and multi-family housing under, among others, the Section 502 guaranteed and direct loan, Section 504 repair loan and grant, Section 514 farm labor, Section 515 rural rental housing, Section 521 rental assistance, Section 523 self-help programs. More at www.grants.gov

BRIEFF BRIEFS TOO

March 31st Federal Register publishes final rule saying mortgagees must now report any FHA insured mortgage that are 30 or more days delinquent. . .DHCD sets April 10th for Richmond workshop on "how-to apply" for \$900,000 in HOPWA funds. . .Apply by June 21st for National League of Cities annual Municipal Excellence Awards. . . Association for Preservation of Virginia Antiquities hosts April 7th advocacy workshop in Charlottesville. . . After working with churches to help some 200 Richmonders buy home, Governor Kaine says VHDA's Genesis Project to expand to Hampton Roads. . . Independent Messenger says Virginia Department of Transportation awards \$250,000 grant to Emporia for South Main Street revitalization. . DHCD Deputy Director Nikki Nicholau appointed director of Virginia Commission for National & Community Service. . .HHS opens competition for grants of up to \$350,000 to prevent methamphetimine abuse. . .eCity and Jefferson College of Health host "Lead Safe Roanoke Day". . . Charlette Woolridge named Brunswick County Administrator. . Census Bureau says Caroline, King George and Loudoun counties as among fastest-growing in U.S....Community Affordable Housing Equity, Inc. sets April 28th deadline for nonprofits to apply for Open Doors grants to prepare houses for sale to low-income buyers. . .VMI to host Environment Virginia Conference April 18th to 20th in Lexington. . . HUD Richmond okays three projects worth \$6.6 million with 96 units of elderly housing in Staunton and Montross. . . April 11th is deadline for Department of Social Services Domestic Violencegrants..Virginia Emergency Management Association convenes in Williamsburg April 4th to 7th featuring David Paulison, Acting FEMA Director

DON'T FORGET

Virginia Association of Housing Counselors holds annual convention at the Oceanfront Hilton in Virginia Beach from April 29th to May 3rd. For more, visit www.virginiahousingcounselors.org/ or call Paul Harper at 434/296-5842 by April 20th.

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